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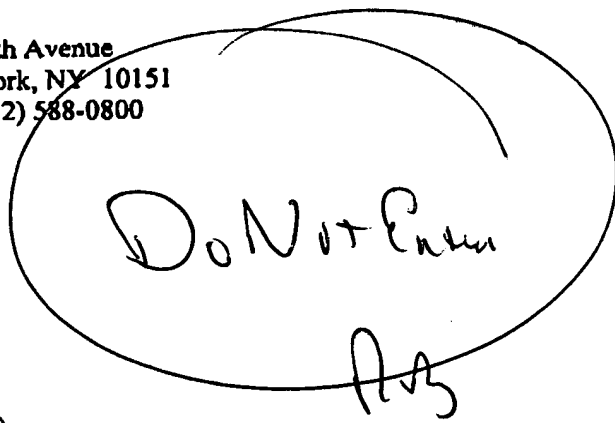
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action which issued July 3, 2006, setting a three-month period for respond, reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks: